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In re Application of Motocihi Watanuki :  
Application No. 09/545,429 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Filed: April 7, 2000 : TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY  
Attorney Docket No. 2309.63810 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on May 17, 2002, requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on December 16, 2001 be reset to run from May 6, 2002, the date upon which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

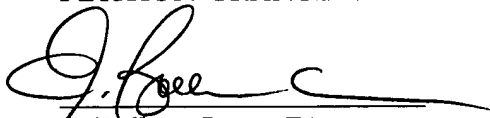
The petition is granted.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office communication in question was received at the correspondence address of record on May 6, 2002. The petition was filed within two weeks of receipt of the Office communication. A substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt. Furthermore, the Office communication was mailed between October 13, 2001 and January 2, 2002, when delivery of mail from the Office to certain regions of the country was delayed.

Accordingly, the shortened statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office communication originally mailed on December 16, 2001 is hereby reset to run ONE MONTH from May 6, 2002, the date of receipt of the Office letter.

It is noted that a reply to the Office letter in question was filed on June 6, 2002, together with a petition for an extension of time and the fee for the extension. This reply was filed with a petition for extension of time in order to preclude abandonment of the application, pending a decision on the instant petition. In view of the disposition of the petition, the extension of time and fee are deemed to be unnecessary. This application will be forwarded to the Head Supervisory Applications Examiner for a refund of \$1,960.00 credited to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. The application will thereafter be forwarded to the examiner for action on the reply filed on June 6, 2002.

PETITION GRANTED.

  
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